

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
JULY 14, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Steve Aldrich
Karl Mooney
John Nichols
Julie Schultz
James Benham

TAMU Student Liaison

Wayne Beckermann, VP/Municipal Affairs,

City Staff:

Kelly Templin, City Manager
Chuck Gilman, Deputy City Manager
Carla Robinson, City Attorney
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary
Tanya McNutt, Deputy City Secretary

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Berry at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840.

2. Executive Session

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

- A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:
- Juliao v. City of College Station, Cause No. 14-002168-CV-272, in the 272nd District Court of Brazos County, Texas

- Kathryn A. Stever-Harper as Executrix for the Estate of John Wesley Harper v. City of College Station and Judy Meeks; No. 15,977-PC in the County Court No. 1, Brazos County, Texas

B. Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice; to wit:

- Legal issues related to the imposition of impact fees in College Station's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.

There was no action required from Executive Session.

4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on items listed on the consent agenda.

2c: Dave Coleman, Director of Water Services, explained that the City has the option of assessing impact fees in the City and portions of the ETJ. He provided a map of the ETJ areas being considered. He noted this would not have an adverse impact on residents in the ETJ.

2b: David Schmitz, Parks Director, provided some graphics showing the mobile stage. It is fully self-contained and can be pulled with a one-ton vehicle.

2e: David Schmitz, Parks Director, said it is a simple repair and replacement at Brothers Pond. The other pier at Central Park will be demolished, and a new one will be installed.

2i, 2j, 2k: Troy Rother, Traffic Engineer, reported that this is an effort with the school district to centralize the drop-off site and improve safety for the students as they walk to school.

5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2017 BVSWM, Inc. Proposed Budget.

Bryan Griesbach, Executive Director, BVSWM, Inc., presented the proposed 2017 BVSWM, Inc. budget. Proposed Budget Revenue is \$7,552,080 and the Total Expenses are \$8,257,285. The proposed budget also reduces the gate rate for both cities from \$21.19 to \$20.50 per ton.

6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on an ordinance amending Chapter 10, "Traffic Code" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of College Station, Texas by adding Section 10-14 "Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle or Bicycle" and providing a severability clause; declaring a penalty; and providing and effective date.

Scott McCollum, Police Chief, stated there are many kinds of distracted driving, and driver inattention while using wireless communication devices is a growing public safety concern. Tonight's proposed ordinance proposes modifications to provide a mechanism of enforcement and deterrence with an objective to reduce injury and property loss due to crashes caused by distracted

driving, and to ultimately save lives. Texas is one of only four states without a law prohibiting all drivers from texting while driving. Efforts to pass a State law prohibiting texting and driving has failed in the past three legislative sessions. The primary reasons have been due to enforcement and privacy concerns. Locally, the Texas A&M Student Senate is supportive of an initiative to restrict use of electronic communication devices. However, they have expressed concern regarding biased student enforcement. The recent City survey has indicated a public desire to restrict electronic communication use while driving.

Council consensus was to direct staff to emphasize “hands free” while the vehicle is moving.

The Workshop was recessed at 6:58 p.m. in order to convene the Regular meeting at its posted time.

Workshop reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

7. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a presentation on Old Wellborn Road.

Jeff Whitaker, Kimley-Horn, reported that there are two CIP projects that impact Old Wellborn. Rock Prairie Road is being widened from Wellborn to Holleman. In addition, Deacon Road is being extended to Wellborn Road. Both of these current projects will impact Old Wellborn. Currently, Old Wellborn is a low traffic generator; however, due to its alignment with the railroad and Wellborn Road, there are traffic operation and safety concerns. There are four alternative routes being evaluated to provide relief to the intersection of FM 2818 and Holleman: General Parkway, Jones-Butler extension, a combination of both, and the Luther extension. They recommend that Old Wellborn be replaced by General Parkway.

8. Council Calendar

Council reviewed the calendar.

9. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on future agenda items: a Councilmember may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

There were no future items.

10. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the following meetings: Animal Shelter Board, Annexation Task Force, Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Arts Council Sub-committee, Audit Committee, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board, Bio-Corridor Board of Adjustments, Blinn College Brazos Valley Advisory Committee, Brazos County Health Dept., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Budget and Finance Committee, BVSWMA, BVWACS, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Design Review Board, Economic Development Committee, Gigabit Broadband Initiative, Historic Preservation Committee,

Interfaith Dialogue Association, Intergovernmental Committee, Joint Relief Funding Review Committee, Landmark Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Research Valley Partnership, Research Valley Technology Council, Regional Transportation Committee for Council of Governments, Sister Cities Association, Transportation and Mobility Committee, TAMU Student Senate, Texas Municipal League, Twin City Endowment, YMCA, Youth Advisory Council, Zoning Board of Adjustments,

Councilmember Schultz reported on her trip to Belgium related to "From Texas to Bastogne".

Councilmember Aldrich reported on his trip to Belgium related to "From Texas to Bastogne" and on the RVP.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the workshop of the College Station City Council at 9:19 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary